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REF: Support for Early Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands Post-Auction

Transition GN Docket No. 12-268; MB Docket No. 16-306

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Electronics Research, Inc. ("ERI") understands that the Federal Communications Commission is considering allowing the Full Service and Class Television Stations licensed to Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands, and scheduled for repacking in Transition Phases 3 and 10 to move ahead early and complete their Post Auction Transition Plans during Phase 0. This is a very reasonable course of action for the Commission to allow as it would save the individual stations the considerable expense of reconstructing their pre-auction facilities, which would be used for only a very brief period, and also serve to improve service to the public by minimizing the requirements to rescan receivers. This action would also provide savings to MVPD's by eliminating the need for them to modify their facilities to accommodate the Post Auction channel changes that are now scheduled the Spring of 2019 and the Summer of 2020.

To lend additional support to a Commission decision to allow an early Television Repack transition for Puerto Rico please accept this letter as confirmation that ERI has reviewed the general requirements for the design, fabrication, tuning, final test, and installation for the estimated quantities of television antennas, transmission line components, and filter products required and we have also considered the associated installation and commissioning services necessary and can provide assurance that the Commission that this change in schedule will not impact orders that ERI has accepted prior to receiving equipment and services orders from these facilities or other orders that are received after the acceptance of orders from Puerto Rican Television stations.

ERI has made significant investments in facilities, equipment, and personnel in advance of the Commission issuing its final transition plan and has made the preparations necessary to make this commitment to television stations licensed to serve Puerto Rico and to other television broadcasters that are required to modify their transmission facilities as a result of the FCC Incentive Auction. In other words, ERI has prepared for the increase in demand for its



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products and services and can accommodate the reasonable request by these facilities to construct their Post Auction Facilities now and complete their transition plans early, without impacting our ability to meet other FCC Repack related obligations.

If you have questions or require additional supporting information, please contact me at the telephone number or e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

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